

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following section headings on page 1, after the title and at line 2:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1) Field of the Invention --

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, beginning at line 3 with the following replacement paragraph:

The invention relates to an antibacterial additive for melamine resins ~~in accordance with claim 1~~, to an antibacterial melamine resin ~~in accordance with claim 16~~, to a process for producing such a melamine resin ~~in accordance with claim 17~~, to an antibacterial laminate ~~in accordance with claim 21~~, to a process for producing an antibacterial laminate ~~in accordance with claim 22~~, and to the use of an antibacterial laminate ~~in accordance with claim 24~~.

Please insert the following section heading on page 1, at line 12:

-- 2) Description of the Related Art --

Please insert the following section heading on page 3, at line 32:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Please insert the following section heading and paragraphs on page 3a, beginning at line 10:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

-- Fig. 1 is a graph that illustrates the antibacterial action of the present invention against *Staphylococcus aureus*;

Fig. 2 is a graph that illustrates the antibacterial action of the present invention against *Escherichia coli*;

Fig. 3 is a graph that illustrates the antibacterial action of the present invention against *Salmonella typhi*;

Fig. 4 is a graph that illustrates the antibacterial action of the present invention against *Klebsiella pneumoniae*;

Fig. 5 is a graph that illustrates the antibacterial action of the present invention against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*;

Fig. 6 is a graph that illustrates the antibacterial action of the present invention against *Staphylococcus saprophyticus*;

Fig. 7 is a graph that illustrates the antibacterial action of the present invention against *Staphylococcus haemolyticus*;

Fig. 8 is a graph that illustrates the antibacterial action of the present invention against *Pseudomonas fluorescens*;

Fig. 9 is a graph that illustrates the antibacterial action of the present invention against *Staphylococcus epidermis*; and

Fig. 10 is a graph that illustrates the antibacterial action of the present invention against *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*. --

Please insert the following section heading on page 4, before line 1:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

Please replace the formula on page 6, at line 14, with the following replacement formula:

~~Ma Na B_b O_c * d H₂O, where~~ Ma Na' B_b O_c * d H₂O, where